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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

**Abstract**

The Abstract has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

**Specification**

The specification has been amended to list the publications numbers of the cited patent applications.

**New Claims**

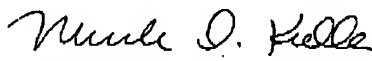
Claims 25-27 are added as supported in original claims 10-14.

**Rejection**

Claims 1-9 and 15-22 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over certain claims of co-pending patent application No. 10/183,710 (US 2004/0001950 A1) in view of Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, "Ionomers", Volume 14, pp. 815-829 (Fourth Edition, 1995). For expediency, applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer against the co-pending patent application. Consequently, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested. Should any matters remain unresolved, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the below-listed direct dial telephone number.

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